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$$N \times d = m \times \lambda/4 \qquad (1)$$

(wherein N represents a complex refractive index, d represents the fundamental film thickness, m represents an integer (natural number), and λ represents the wavelength at which the interference reflection peak or interference transmission peak appears, and N is defined by the following equation (2):

$$N = n + i\kappa \qquad (2)$$

(wherein n represents the refractive index of each unit coating layer, i represents complex number, and κ represents extinction coefficient)), and correcting the actual thickness of the each unit of the coating layers based on the function of the phase shift caused by the extinction coefficient κ of refractive index, the phase shift occurring at film interfaces, and the peak shift attributable to refractive index dispersion and particle shape so that the each unit of the coating layers has an interference reflection peak or an interference transmission bottom at the same specific wavelength.

Please add the following new claims:

13.   (New) The multilayer-coated powder according to claim 1, wherein said plural coating layers are formed on individual base particles.

14.   (New) The multilayer-coated powder according to claim 1, wherein said plural coating layers are formed as a continuous film surrounding individual base particles.

15.   (New) The mutlilayer-coated powder according to claim 1, containing no dye or pigment.

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